has been released by way of cash infusion by the Government from 1995-96 onwards as under :–

Year	Amount released (Rs. in crore)
1995-96	8.39
1996-97	89.13
1997-98	14.93
1998-99	36.37
1999-2000	34.61
2000-2001	25.32
2001-2002	20.00
2002-2003	NIL

(c) and (d) The productivity in terms of turnover per employee during 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 was as under :–

(Rupees in lakhs)

	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
HEC	2.90	1.84	2.90
HCL	18.06	25.47	17.25
HMT (Group)	4.36	6.03	6.05

Services of the employees of disinvested PSUs

†4572. DR. PRABHA THAKUR : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the services of thousands of employees of Public Sector Undertakings would be kept intact by giving them salaries as usual by the private companies in case of sale of these undertakings by Government to the private sector companies; and

(b) if not, the scheme of Government to provide employment to thousands of employees who have become jobless alongwith the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) Protection of employees' interest is

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

an integral part of the disinvestment policy. Adequate provisions are made in the Transaction Agreements, executed as a part of strategic sale, to ensure protection of employees. The agreements provide that there is no retrenchment of employees for one year after disinvestment and even thereafter separation is possible only under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme as applicable under DPE guidelines or the Voluntary Retirement Scheme which was prevailing in the company prior to disinvestment, whichever is more beneficial for the employees.

(b) Does not arise.

International Centre for Promotion of Public Enterprises

4573. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state :

(a) the role of International Centre for Promotion of Public Enterprises;

(b) in what manner, the International Centre reciprocates to the cause of PSEs in the country; and

(c) what is India's membership contribution in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) and (b) International Centre for Promotion of Enterprises (ICPE), an inter-governmental organization, promotes and supports enterprise development in developing countries and countries in transition, in both public and private sector, for the purpose of fostering their economic development in the regional and global context. ICPE carries out research, training and consultancy activities by undertaking projects and assignments, organizing seminars/workshops on public sector issues. The Centre has also been conducting International MBA programme and other short-duration training programmes relevant to the current economic and social environment of the developing countries including India and the countries in transition.

(c) India is a founder member of ICPE and has been making an annual membership contribution of US $ 75,000 to ICPE.

Commissioned programmes in NER

4574. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) total outlay, annual allocation, date of sanction, utilization and achievement made towards improvement of infrastructure as well as for